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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: OKAMURA=2B

In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1646
Haruki OKAMURA et al.) Examiner: D. Jiang
Serial No.: 09/050,249) Washington, D.C.
Filed: March 30, 1998) April 5, 2001
For: IFN- γ PRODUCTION INDUCING)
PROTEIN AND MONOCLONAL) **BY HANDCARRY**
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 6, 2000,
petition and payment for a one month extension of time attached
hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 93 with new rewritten claim 93 as
follows below. A marked-up version of amended claim 93 to show
the changes made is attached hereto.

93. A monoclonal antibody which specifically
recognizes (i) an interferon-gamma (IFN- γ) inducing protein
(IGIF, IL-18) having the following physiochemical properties or
(ii) a variant thereof which has substantially the same
physicochemical properties as the protein of (i) and has an amino
acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein one or more amino acids are

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